

HOIE AGAIN! - All moves played this summer are printed in this issue.

GRAUSTARK

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1968G

"Winter 1904"

GERMANY: Removes A Mar.
ITALY: Removes F Alb, F Tyr.
RUSSIA: Builds A Mos, F St.P(s.c.).
TURKEY: Builds F Smy, F Con.

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND (Walker): F Por-Spa(s.c.); F
North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Norwe-
gian Sea-Bar; F North Sea S GERMAN A
Kie-Den; F Liv-Iri; A Bur S GERMAN A
Ruh-Mun.

FRANCE (Peery): F Iri-Eng; A Bre-Par;
A Gas-Spa.

GERMANY (Koning): A Ruh-Mun; A Ber-Sil;
A Kie-Den; F Bal-Swe.

ITALY (Childers): No moves received.
A Ven holds; A Rom is dislodged and
annihilated.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Mun-Kie; F Den S A
Mun-Kie; F Bot-Bal; F Sev-Rum; A Bud-
Rum; A Pru-Ber; A Sil S A Pru-Ber; A
Boh-Mun; A Mos-St.P; F St.P(s.c.).Fin.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Tri-Ven; A Ser-Alb;
A Apu-Rom; A Nap S A Apu-Rom; F Tun-
Wes; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy-Eas;
F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The German army in Berlin is dislodged
and annihilated, and Russia retreats F
Den-Hel.

PEERIS: Well, it would be bad
enough to have Prosnitz win this game
but the thought of Walker winning it
gives me convulsions. Death to all
German backsTakers...

PEERIGUERX: I think this whole pos-
tal strike is a protest demonstration
organized by Margaret Gemignani or
Eric Blake.

LESSER PEERILAND: Whatever hap-
pened to Grand Sevastopol?

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1968J

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND: Builds F Lon, F Edi, A Liv.
GERMANY: Removes F Pic, A Pru.
ITALY: Builds A Ven.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Builds A Vie.
RUSSIA: Removes A Pru.

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND (Anderson): A Mos-Ukr; F Swe-
Bal; F Den-Kie; F Bel-Hol; F Eng-
Bel; F Bre S ITALIAN F Mid-Gas; F
Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Lon-North
Sea; A Liv-Lon((sic)).

FRANCE (Maloney): No moves received.
A Par holds.

GERMANY (Naus): A Bur-Ruh; A Mun S A
Bur-Ruh; A Sil S A Mun; A Kie S A
Bur-Ruh.

ITALY (M. Thomson): F Mid-Wes; A Mar-
Bur; A Cas S A Mar-Bur; A Tyr S A
Boh; A Boh S A Tyr; A Ven S A Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A War-
Mos; A Rum-Sev; A Ukr S A Rum-Sev;
A Bud-Gal; A Bul-Rum; A Gre-Bul;
F Aeg S A Gre-Bul; A Vie-Boh.

RUSSIA (Grayson): F Sev-Bla.

TURKEY (White): No moves received.
A Con, A Smy, & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not pos-
sible.

SEVASTOPOL: It would appear that
those who helped us to depose Tsar
Thomas have no interest in helping
the Russian People's Republic remain
alive. Marx was right. You imperi-
alists are all alike!

SEVASTOPOL: The Russian
People's Republic announces the loss
of its army in Prussia. Despite the
treachery of the enemies surrounding
us, we are losing our forces to star-

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

I wish to thank John McCallum and John Koning for publishing GRAUSTARK game moves during the summer despite such handicaps as the Canadian postal strike and difficulties in communicating with me en route.

With this issue, GRAUSTARK resumes publication on its fortnightly schedule. We've decided to get a new mimeograph rather than fixing the old one, so until this happens, publication may be a little irregular. Deadlines will be adjusted accordingly; see GRAUSTARKs for details.

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We had a very interesting time on our journey, which included visits with my parents in San Jose, and with my brothers in Corpus Christi and Los Angeles. Among the Diplomacy fans we saw were Charles and Jane Wells (who put us up for a night despite the household dislocations caused by their new baby), Jack Chalker, Don Miller, Jerry Jacks, Dan Alderson, Margaret Gemignani, George and Sherry Heap, and Earl Thompson. Missed was Conrad von Metzke, who had planned to be at the World Science-Fiction Convention in Berkeley but apparently couldn't make it.

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The "challenge list" of countries which Rod Walker put into GRAUSTARK #163 has a few takers. See the letter column on p. 4 et seq. for details.

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Eric Just, P. O. Box 131, Paoli, Oklahoma 73074 reports that he and some high school friends independently invented postal Diplomacy. When they went on to various colleges they continued play of the game postally. Just publishes their journal, The Diplomat.

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Dave Lebling, when at home in Maryland, has a new phone number: (301)-881-4718. For new addresses of Lebling and other players, see the complete GRAUSTARK mailing list on p. 11.

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Besides GRAUSTARK, publication of LEFTOVERS #5 was held up by the mimeograph machine breakdown. This LEFTOVERS is a collection of articles and letters most of which were originally aimed at KNOWABLE or POINTING VECTOR. LEFTOVERS is 25¢ a copy or 5 issues for \$1.00. Like GRAUSTARK, it is available from John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11218. Neither publication is edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott. LEFTOVERS #5 contains a Star Trek parody, "A-Vock Time", by Lyn Veryzer; a revision of the article "Assassinocracy" which appeared in GRAUSTARK #161, and more than 20 pages of letters from readers of extremely diverse opinions.

Back issues of all earlier LEFTOVERS except #2 are available free from the publisher. So is DAGON #70, a two-page publication. DAGON comes out at irregular intervals whenever something pressing is on its publisher's mind.

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In her column in the 13 July 1968 Guardian, "Pandora" writes: "Whoremaster Award of the Month goes to Lancer Books for its phony, highly-spiced Ho Chih Minh's Daughter, a pseudo-autobiography originally submitted to publishers as a novel."

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Bob Ward has been drafted, and his Marsovia is suspended for an indefinite period. Charles Turner has also moved, and Armageddonia has also been suspended indefinitely.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LVII

The Lorenzo Artery Research Foundation was located in an old brownstone building in Georgetown. Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who in his other identity is Clark Gursel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, saw as he drove up in the Hate-mobile that it was marked only by a small metal plaque which read:

LORENZO ARTERY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Natura Cruenta Dente Ungueque

Est. 1963

The ubiquitous pigeons of Washington avoided this building, but four or five large black vultures hovered around the roof and windows.

"Holy Harpies, O-O-Hate!" said his teen-age assistant Burner, who is really Victor Charlie Burner, student at the Balthasar Gerard Theological Seminary. "Those buzzards have metal bands around their legs!"

"Yes, this is the place," O-O-Hate said. They parked the Hate-mobile in front of a fireplug, secure in the knowledge that the last policeman who had ticketed it was now checking narcotics law violations in Saigon. As they entered the building they were met by Dr. Artery himself, a little round cherubic man with close-cropped white hair, pink cheeks, and twinkling eyes behind thick spectacles. He held a vulture under one arm. At his heels were two immense German shepherds.

"Goot day, Herr O-O-Hetze und Bränner!" he greeted them. "I vas chust delousing mine dear Putzi." He released the bird, who joined its fellows on the roof. "Ach, mine sweet Geier, how I luff them! Now vat can I do for you, und for der American Way of var?"

"Dr. Artery, we need your technical expertise concerning the causes of aggression."

"Wunderbar!" Dr. Artery rubbed his hands together. "Dot is vy ve haff ge-stab-lished diss foundation. If I may say so, O-O-Hetze, ve at der Lorenzo Artery Research Foundation are as important in der fight against der sinister forces of World Peace as your agency iss. Most people iss against var, und only vant to be left in peace. It iss our chob to persuade them dot aggression und hatred und war iss a natural part uf human character. Diss iss not easy, but ve haff written books und talked mit high political figures."

"You bet, Dr. Artery!" said Burner. "I've read The Imperative of Territory, or How to Grab as Much of It as You Can. And I've also read your delightful books about your birds and your dogs."

"Ach, ja, mein dogs!" Dr. Artery reached into his pocket and threw three human fingers to one of them. "Dis iss a new breed, a cross between a German shepherd and a Steppenwolf. I call it a 'Birmingham Coon Hound'."

"But that's not what we've come to talk to you about," said O-O-Hate. "A terrible thing is happening. The President is losing his interest in the war in Vietnam."

"Ach Himmel! If dot happens, dere vill be universal peace! Und der Foundation vill lose all its appropriations. I'll have to re-open mine veterinary clinic in Maut-hausen."

"This is the problem," O-O-Hate went on. "Every few days, a colored truck driver dumps a load of pigs into the White House basement. And --"

"You don't have to tell me vun thing more!" Dr. Artery gasped. "I know der whole horrible shtory!"

((What is the secret behind this latest plot by the sinister forces of world peace? Why are pigs being delivered to the White House? Who is the black truck driver? Why is all that pork being sent to the Green Beret Orphans' Home? What secret have O-O-Hate and Burner discovered in the White House basement? How does Dr. Lorenzo Artery know what is going on? Find out in GRAUSTARK #165, published in September, when O-O-Hate and Burner visit the Black United Militants.))

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLO - XXIX

The abdication of the Grand Duke Cosimo XIII threw Beaucouillon into turmoil, as his 5 legitimate and 21 illegitimate sons contested the succession. After a year of warfare, during which arsenic imports rose by 335%, all had killed each other except for his youngest legitimate son, later famous in the Earl of Pike's memoirs.

The civil unrest had done a minor amount of damage to Beaucouillon's financial stability, but trading and gambling in the Grand Ducal Bourse had stopped for 35 minutes while Princes Fortunato and Ganymedes shot it out, and Prime Minister Count Umberto d'Avino called upon Cosimo XIII to return.

Sensitive to any possible interruption in the country's financial life, Cosimo returned from his exile and resumed his reign. However, the Balkan Wars were then being fought, and this brought a conflict to a head within the inner councils of the Grand Duchy. Count Avino was interested in selling weapons to the contending nations.

"From the uttermost antiquity Beaucouillon has maintained a strict neutrality," Cosimo XIII argued.

"Exactly," Avino retorted. "We make our amenities available to everyone. If we can sell gambling, wine, women, or other amenities to everyone with the price, why can't we sell guns?"

"Because people expect to lose money on these things," the Grand Duke replied. "But if we sell guns to both sides, then afterwards the winner will use them on us for helping his enemy."

"The Balkan countries are paying premium prices for guns," Avino argued. "Let's give it a try."

"Very well," Cosimo laughed. "You may sell one gun in the Balkans. If no unpleasant consequences follow, we'll go into the munitions business."

Although he grumbled that his sovereign's condition was unfair, Avino made the best of it. On the following day he sold a pistol to a young Bosnian named Gavrilo Princip.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JAMES LATIMER, 4011 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Md. 20023: Sorry to miss the moves for 1968J; I wasn't careful and let the deadline pass by...Non-communication from me is not indicative of any perfidy on my part, but due to the lack of time my summer schedule allows for Diplomacy.

ROBERT WARD, US 56 837 902, D-2 Class 295, Fort Sam Houston, Texas: By the time your report of my address had appeared, it already changed. It is now (until Aug. 23) as above. I am here for medic training.

I object rather strongly to your linkage of me and Wallace. Immediately prior to my induction I was playing as active a role as permitted by civil service regulations in the McCarthy campaign.

I am now active in an as yet unofficial, unauthorized "Servicemen for McCarthy" group which will seek affiliation with the national campaign (if needed) following the convention. My politics are a blend of idealism, opportunism, and friendships that defy analysis. Predicting my stand is therefore always hazardous and often leads to quite erroneous conclusions.

((I'm happy to hear that I got a wrong impression of Bob's politics from the poll in LEFTOVERS, and am glad to apologize for the remarks I made with his last change of address. The immediate advent of military service makes many men sensible of the advantages of the anti-war position.

((To judge from a story in the New York Post of 15 July, Fort Sam Houston is a swinging place. "Acid" is allegedly being synthesized in the lab there, and the locally obtainable peyote is rendered into mescaline. Pot also comes in from nearby Mexico in huge quantities; there are stories of whole platoons reporting for duty stoned.))

BOB MALONEY, 33-46 92nd St., Jackson Heights, N. Y. 11372: I second Mehran Thomson's comments re "Consensus" in GRAUSTARK #163. By changing the rules to allow more than four players and permitting diplomacy between moves, the game should be interest-

ing and amenable to postal play. It is available in Brentano's.

EUGENE PROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201: ((With regard to the Russian moves in 1968G, "Fall 1904") am I correct in assuming the following? The ((Turkish)) move A Ser-Tri, supported by ((the Russian army in)) Budapest, cannot dislodge the Turkish fleet in Trieste, since Turkey is attacking his own piece. ((Correct.)) Moreover, ((Turkish)) A Ser-Tri supported by Budapest serves to stand off an Italian attack on Trieste with a force of two. ((Again, correct.))

This is

Next question: Suppose ((the Russian army in)) Budapest moved to Trieste, supported by Serbia. I. e., Turkey is now supporting an attack on his own piece. Would the ruling be the same?

O At

P Great

E Intervals

R This

((Yes. An attack, or the support of an attack, against one's own unit, is not possible.))

A Appeals

T To

I Inflame

O Optic

N Nerves

HARRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 739, Kankakee, Ill. 60901: Since this is too late to answer the questions on the countries on page 8 of GRAUSTARK #160, I won't try - I know all but #3, the Indian Stream Republic, and know flags for ((the Septinsular Republic, the Kingdom of Bantam, the Kingdom of Thessalonica, the Far Eastern Republic, the Parthenopean Republic, and the North German Confederation.))

What do you have against the House of Gad, Hoya-Diepholz, and Mari-time Land? I could pick out a few more good ones from my flag notes.

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((Hoya-Diepholz is one of the many vest-pocket domains that flourished in northwestern Germany during the First Reich. In 1789 it was ruled, within the "Holy Roman Empire", by the King of England in his capacity as Elector of Hanover and Duke of Braunschweig-Lüneburg. I don't recognize the other two, and haven't the time to look them up now. But vexillological information on any of the obscure countries mentioned in these pages would be welcome.))

DAVE LEBLING, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139: To help initiate what will surely be a lively debate in the Diplomatic Pouch, let me give you my position on the Chicago mess.

Without any doubt, the Chicago Police used excessive force to quell the demonstrators. However, the demonstrators were asking for everything they got. ((Including Hugh Hefner, who got clubbed several blocks from any demonstration?)) It is a measure of the stupidity of the Chicago Police Force that they gave it to them.

As for the convention itself, the unnecessary railroading over all dissent on the floor probably drove more votes to Nixon, Wallace, and the New Party than any other event of the last several months. The Republican Convention may have been dull, but at least it was democratic.

((And the moral of the story is, that if you club the opposition sufficiently hard you can nominate any candidate you want.))

WILLIAM LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: I have done my level best to answer the quiz in GRAUSTARK #163, and I wonder where Walker digs up all this stuff. Here goes:

Sandwip Island is in the Meghna River in India. In the first half of the 17th century it was occupied by a gang of Portuguese pirates, and was finally annexed by Bengal.

The Britannica gives Gothia as a name for Septimania, the portion of the Visigothic kingdom of Spain north of the Pyrenees. It fell to the Franks in 758.

Latgale was a province of eastern Latvia. It came under Polish rule as the rest of Livonia was absorbed by Sweden, and so remains Roman Catholic in an Orthodox sea. ((But most Latvians are Lutherans, and Lithuania is largely Roman Catholic.)) It was part of Russia's share in the partition of 1772, and was again ceded to Soviet Russia at Brest-Litovsk, but was incorporated in free Latvia (while it lasted).

Hail was the capital of the Rashidi amirate in northern Arabia, more commonly known as Shammar or Jebel Shammar. It was annexed by Ibn Saud in 1921.

Witu was a sultanate in the present Kenya. It was founded by Ahmed

bin Fumo Luti about 1860, after his island domain was conquered by Zanzibar, and came under German "protection" in 1885. ((Is this anything like the way South Vietnam came under U. S. "protection"?)) The protectorate was ceded to Britain in 1890.

Of course the Weimar Republic was destroyed by its "friends"! It was being saved from Jews, Bolsheviks, and Freemasons, remember? Nowadays the International Jewish, Communist, or Trotskyite Conspiracies have been replaced as fashionable bogeymen by "the Establishment", or if you want to sound sophisticated, "the military-industrial complex". Instead of Russians under every bed, it's CIA men.

((Yes, the sinister name of the CIA does tend to be invoked whenever a successful or unsuccessful plot turns up in Africa or Asia. But such accusations have decidedly not replaced the equally fatuous "International Communist Conspiracy". Anti-Communism is far more dangerous to our liberties in America than is Communism. The guerrillas now training in our hills are not Communists but anti-Communists. The bombings here in New York City are the work, not of Communists, but of anti-Communists, who publicly and proudly take the "credit" for them.))

GARY GYGAX, 330 Center Street, Lake Geneva, Wisc. 53147: The violence here - I'm at my office in Chicago - is appalling. One can hardly credit what he sees. The typical reaction of the older people is to applaud the inhuman brutality and ask for more - as if violence ever begat anything but more violence. It is disgusting, but typical!

...The International Federation of Wargamers Convention in Lake Geneva was a complete success, although it could've been run better and will be improved next year. There will be complete write-ups on it in most of the wargaming magazines. Our Diplomacy section was incomplete, but several games were played at the event.

IFW has obtained von Metzke to act as Gamesmaster for its games. We have one going and two forming. They are free to members, and the price for non-members has not yet been set.

By the way, the current state of world affairs is predicted in the Bible - things will be progressively worse.

((In California during World War II there was a sect that felt this way. They read Revelations to predict a Japanese victory, and did not participate in the war effort out of an unwillingness to go against the manifest Will of God.))

JEFF W. KEY, P. O. Box 251, Eatontown, N. J. 07724: Although I have been playing Diplomacy since 1959, it was not until this last July that I learned of the large number of groups devoted to postal play that are flourishing across the continent...I am attempting to resume publication of my own magazine if I can find seven postal Diplomacy players of good repute who are willing to go into a game in a new magazine...The Voice of Vienna. A note of history is in order at this point; The Voice of Vienna did not carry a game of its own. It carried the press releases and related material for the game carried in Eric Just's The Diplomat (which carried the moves and other material) and tried to maintain the format of a contemporary newspaper.

Play in The Voice is to be limited to one game and circulation will be correspondingly small due to the fact that reproduction is accomplished via Thermo-Fax and is costly. Quality will be stressed and every effort will be made to provide services to the players. Publication will be on a strictly tri-weekly schedule. The game fee will be \$4.00.

KEVIN RYARK, 2897 S. E. Caruthers, Portland, Ore. 97214: I support the war in Viet Nam you ***** pacifists.

ROD WALKER, 1575A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866: I will add one

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GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Bal-Ber; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh, A Kie, & A Bur S A Ber-Mun.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway S GERMAN A St.P; A Fin-Liv; A Pie-Tyr; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; F Tyr S F Nap; A Tus-Ven; F Lyo-Tus; F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Mun hold; A Pru & A Mos S TURKISH A Liv; A Ukr-War.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Boh & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Mun; A Liv S ITALIAN A Fin-St.P; A Ven-Pie; A Tyr S A Ven-Pie; A Tri-Ven; F Apu S A Tri-Ven; F Adr S F Apu; F Ion holds; F Aeg & F Gre S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Pie-Mar, and the Russian army in Munich is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe, (10)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Ncr, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (10)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (11)

Germany could build three new units, and Italy could build one, except that neither power has a home supply center free.

Note that, in the "Spring 1912" moves published in GRAUSTARK #163, the Russian move "A Ser-Ukr" should have been "A Sev-Ukr".

"Spring 1913"

GERMANY: A St.P S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Ber-Bal; A Mun-Ber; A Kie S A Mun-Ber; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun.

ITALY: F Norway S GERMAN A St.P; A Fin-Liv; A Mar-Pie; A Rom-Ven; F Nap holds; F Tyr S F Nap; A Tus & F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA: A Pru-Ber; A War-Pru; A Mos S TURKISH A Liv.

TURKEY: A Liv S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Pru-Ber; A Boh-Mun; A Pie-Ven; A Tri & A Tyr S A Pie-Ven; F Ion-Nap; F Apu S F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Adr & F Aeg S F Gre-Ion.

"Fall 1913"

GERMANY: A St.P S ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; F Bot C ITALIAN A Fin-Liv; A Kie-Ber; F Bal S A Kie-Ber; A Mun S ITALIAN A Pie-Tyr; A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun.

ITALY: F Norway S GERMAN A St.P; A Fin-Liv; A Pie-Tyr; A Tus-Ven; A Rom-Apu; F Nap S A Rom-Apu; F Tyr S F Nap; F Tun-Ion; F Lyo holds.

RUSSIA: A Pru-Ber; A War-Pru; A Mos S TURKISH A Liv.

TURKEY: A Ven-Rom; F Apu-Ven; F Adr & A Tri S F Apu-Ven; A Sil-Mun; A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr; A Liv S ITALIAN A Fin-St.P; F Ion-Nap; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg S F Gre-Ion.

The moves ITALY: A Rom-Apu; TURKEY: F Apu-Ven, A Ven-Rom are the first example in GRAUSTARK of a situation permitted by the rules of

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ENGLAND (Lebling): A Den-Liv; F Bal C A Den-Liv; F Both S A Den-Liv; F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Fin S F St.P(n.c.); F Eng-Mid; A Lon-Norway.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Kie & F Tun hold; A Ruh S A Kie; A Hol-Ber; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Wes S F Lyo; F North Sea C ENGLISH A Lon-Norway.

GERMANY (M. Thomsen): F Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Liv S GERMAN F Pru; A Sil S GERMAN A Ber; A Boh & A Tyr S A Mun; A Ven S A Pie; F Alb S TURKISH F Adr-Ion; A Mun & A Pie hold.

TURKEY (S. Heap): F Tyr, A Apu, & A Bul hold; F Rom, F Nap, & F Tus S F Tyr; F Adr-Ion; A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Den, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P, Swe. (7)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mun, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Par, Per, Spa, Tun. (9)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Mos, Nap, Rcm, Sev, Smy. (9)
GERMANY: Ber, War. (2)	

Austria-Hungary removes A Ven, and Turkey builds A Ank.

"Spring 1911"

ENGLAND: A Den-Liv; F Bal C A Den-Liv; F Bot S A Den-Liv; F St.P(n.c.) holds; A Norway S F St.P(n.c.); A Fin-Swe; F Mid-North Africa.

FRANCE: F Tun & A Kie hold; F Wes S F Tun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Gas; A Bel-Bur; A Ruh S A Kie; F North Sea-Hel.

GERMANY: F Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Liv S GERMAN F Pru; A Sil & A Boh S A Mun; A Mun S GERMAN A Ber; A Pie holds; A Tyr S A Pie; F Alb-Gre.

TURKEY: F Ion-Tun; F Tyr S F Ion-Tun; F Rom & F Nap S F Tyr; F Tus S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Pie; A Apu-Ven; A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Liv; A Bul holds; A Ank-Arm.

The deadline for "Fall 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 1968.

(The following last paragraph was omitted from Robert Kirkbrite's report from Panama City printed in GRAUSTARK #163.)

PANAMA CITY: I think it was M. Villebrunne, the Ambassador from France, who said at a party in Washington, "You Americans are the vilest imperialists of all because you do too good a job of it."

LONDON (23 February 1910): Sir Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced today for the government that the Third Fleet under Morrison has been ordered south to aid the Republican Navy in the Mediterranean. He noted that the front in Germany and Russia had been stabilized by British naval might, and that although "new offensives are planned for the Fall campaign in Germany," it is doubtful

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"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND: F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mar; F North Sea-Lon; F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F Bar S F Norwegian Sea-Norway; F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE: No moves received. F Eng, A Por, and A Gas hold.

GERMANY: A Mun-Kie; F Swe S ENGLISH F Norwegian Sea-Norway; A Den S F Swe.

ITALY: A Ven holds.

RUSSIA: A Bud & F Sev hold; A Sil-Mun; A Ber & A Boh S A Sil-Mun; F Fin-Swe; F Bal S F Fin-Swe; F Hel-Den; A Kie S F Hel-Den; A St.P-Norway.

TURKEY: F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Lyc; F Ion-Tun; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg-Gre; A Alb holds; A Rom-Ven; F Tri S A Rom-Ven; A Nap-Rom.

The German A Mun and F Swe are dislodged. The former unit may retreat to Tyrolia, Ruhr, or Burgundy, and the latter to the Skaggerak or the Gulf of Bothnia. The Italian army in Venice is also dislodged and must retreat; however, since Italy has lost its last supply center this army will be annihilated. The player for Germany has been informed of these events already, and asked for the direction of his retreats. This information will be passed on to the other players as soon as possible. In the meantime, players should submit builds and removals conditional upon the directions of the German retreats.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nor, Por, Spa, (8)

FRANCE: Bre, Par. (2)

GERMANY: Den, Hol. (2)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Kie, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (11)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven. (11)

England and Turkey may each build two new units, and Russia may build one. The remaining Italian unit is removed, and France and Germany must also each remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 1968.

Since Lawrence Peery missed the "Fall 1905" move, the first stand-by, Derek Nelson, is asked to submit a "Winter 1905" removal for France.

LONDON (23 October 1905): "Blast the French! Blast the Russians! Blast the Turks! Blast the Italians!" The great throne-globe of King-Emperor Huon XVIII today reverberated with His Majesty's powerful rage at the minor states of Europe. "Blast them all!!" His Majesty bellowed. "I hear and obey," said Prime Minister Baron Meliadus, secretly wondering how long it would be before they would blast Huon.

PARIS: Aux barri ades!

ROME (13 December 1904): It is rumored that the Pope has fled the city, possibly for Latin America, where he will be far away from Huon's legions and the Turks. Although the daily routine of business continues both in the Vatican and in Rome itself, the fall of the city is expected at any moment. We'd reached here yesterday that the Turkish navy is bombarding Venice, and that Turkish marines are less than

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vation and the weather.

We call upon men of good will everywhere, and particularly those who assisted us to overthrow Tsar Thomas, to help us!

BONN (White Castle): Most times you expect to get stabbed - but not before the ink is even dry on your letter.

SEVASTOPOL: Somebody -- anybody -- HELP!!!

"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND: F Norwegian Sea-Norway; A Mos S (RUSSIAN F Sev; F Den-Kie; F Bal & F Hol S F Den-Kie; F North Sea S F Hol; F Bel-Eng; A Liv-Yor; F Bre holds.

FRANCE: A Par holds.

GERMANY: A Kie-Hol; A Ruh S A Kie-Hol; A Mun-Kie; A Sil S A Mun-Kie.

ITALY: F Wes-Tyr; F Ion-Gre; A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; A Boh-Mun; A Gas-Par; A Bur S A Gas-Par.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A War-Mos; A Ukr S A War-Mos; A Gal-War; A Gre-Bul; A Rum S A Gre-Bul; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA: F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY: F Bla-Sev; A Con S A Smy; A Smy S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian F Ion was not ordered or mentioned in the "Spring 1905" moves, and so held its position then. The German move "A Sil S A Mun-Kie" fails because Silesia does not border on Kiel. Dislodged units make the following retreats:

ENGLAND: A Mos-Liv. FRANCE: A Par-Pic. GERMANY: A Kie-Ber.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol,	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre,
Kie, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P, Swe. (11)	Mos, Rum, Ser, Vie, War. (8)
GERMANY: Ber, Mun. (2)	RUSSIA: Sev. (1)
ITALY: Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom,	TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)
Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (9)	

Sweden was not listed as an English supply center after the "Fall 1904" moves published in GRAUSTARK #163.

England and Italy may each build two new units, and Germany must remove two units. France removes A Pic, and is now out of the game. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 1968.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

One address on the list on the next page has already been rendered obsolete. Mail to Bob Ward is coming back from that address stamped "Not Known Here". Would anyone who has Ward's address please send it to GRAUSTARK?

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In the Guardian, Elaine Laron gives the LBJ version of a well-known folk song:

"This land is your land,
This land is my land,
From the Mekong Delta

To the coast of Thailand.
From Korean waters
To Cambodia's borders,
This land belongs to you and me."

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 6)

more name to the list: Fredonia. Contrary to popular opinion and the Marx Brothers, there was a real state by that name.

((And I unexpectedly discovered the answer to this one while visiting the HemisFair in San Antonio. Can anyone else come up with it?))

DAVE LEBLING, Burton House, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass.

02139: Re several of your recent opinions: Any group not advocating violent overthrow of the government should be allowed to operate in a democracy, including Wallace's AIP. (You pronounce that "ape".) Also, any citizen who is not a minor, a convicted felon, or a person with a history of mental illness should be allowed to buy a gun. Gun controls, however, should be much tighter: No interstate sales of guns, most especially through the mail, licenses should be required to purchase firearms (where such 'firearms' as mortars, bazookas, machine-guns should be completely illegal), and firearms should definitely be registered.

HARRY MANOGG: I just had one of my guns stolen by an ex-convict, and didn't know it was missing until he was picked up on a disorderly conduct charge. This was a guy I was trying to help out. Makes an interesting point regarding gun security etc. ((No one can steal a gun which doesn't exist.))...The hideous thing about gun control is who is to do the controlling, and to what extent. You see, the difference between this ex-convict and many of the men in local government here is that they haven't been caught yet. I have applied for this gun owner's registration card,

which is a new Illinois law. Now the names of bad risks in insurance are sold by the Secretary of State's office here, and they can't find that leak. Are the gun owner's lists safe?

Maybe we need a new technological development. A new "equalizer" of a non-fatal personal defense.

The knife assassination you apparently can't recall was that of the Prime Minister of South Africa.

((This had to do with a discussion on assassination other than by gun. I had in mind the assassination of the Japanese socialist leader Asanuma, who was stabbed to death on a speaker's platform by a rightist youth. Henrik Verwoerd was executed. There is a difference.

((We should be very cautious about accepting at face value the Gun Lobby's claims about what a gun registration bill will do. I know a hunting enthusiast in California who has been thoroughly convinced by Gun Lobby propaganda that, under gun registration, if A steals a gun from B and kills C, B will be tried for murder while A goes free.))

JOHN McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: I noticed in your reply to George Heap your plan of making build moves (presumably retreat moves too on those occasions when a special one is called for?) one week instead of two week moves. I have often considered the possibility of doing something similar. Note, however, such a move would make all play by anyone as isolated as myself impossible. The time required for an issue of a zine to reach me, and for me to send a reply to the editor, would often be more than a week. Even for those more fortunately situated than myself it will often impose an intolerable strain on your players. Take a player who is normally three days mailing time from you. With such a rule he would have to be home the day GRAUSTARK arrived... A casual absence of a day or so can be absorbed by the player himself on a two-week or longer deadline, but not on a one-week one. Ten days is about the shortest that one could use, I think, except in a local, or near local, game.

...It is too late to write in reply to your country quiz ((in GRAUSTARK #160)). But I was a little surprised at your including the North German Confederation among the "Ruritanian" ones. It was, after all, the John the Baptist, so to speak, to Bismarck's Reich, and so much more important than the others which you mentioned.

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: Would there be any appreciable difference between Tydings' bill and repealing the 2nd Amendment, so far as the incidence of murder with a gun is concerned? Also, have read that it is possible to "fingerprint" guns by having the seller fire a shot and keeping a record of the markings on the cartridge. Wonder if that would help. (I presume the cartridge or a picture of the markings would go in an FBI file.)

((I feel that, ultimately, the solution to this whole gun control muddle will lie in the control of ammunition, rather than of guns.))

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The Augustan Society can take note of yet another diminution of the ancient institution of monarchy. On 12 June 1968 a fisherman named Bill Curtis netted a 78-lb. sturgeon off the Devon coast. By a decree dating from the middle ages all sturgeon caught in British waters are the property of the sovereign. However, Curtis crassly sold his fish for £18 despite the law.

Did the impudent fisherman go to the tower? Or at the very least to a whipping post? No, alas! So feeble has the once-powerful British Crown become that a royal spokesman merely commented: "Her Majesty has no objection to fisherman retaining their catch. If offered a sturgeon, however, she accepts it as a gift." Eheu fugaces!

WHERE IS THAT PLACE?

In GRAUSTARK #163, Rod Walker listed a dozen ex-countries and challenged readers to locate them in history. I sent in my answers, which are printed below in the left-hand column. Rod's comments are to the right. Footnotes at the end of this article are indicated by numbers in parentheses.

SANDWIP ISLAND: The easternmost of the islands at the mouth of the Ganges in East Pakistan, just west of the port of Chittagong. It doesn't seem every to have had an independent political existence.

FEZOGHLU: This is the only one on which I drew a complete blank. It cannot be connected with the Moroccan city or country of Fez, since "oghl" is a characteristically Turkish ending; and the Turks never ruled Morocco. I suspect that it comes from the same time and general region as Ramazanoghl, below.

RAMADAN or RAMAZANOGHLU: Founded by Mis Ahmud ibn-Ramadan in 1379, during the dislocations caused by Timur's invasion of Anatolia. It is in the region which has been called, at other times in history, Kommagene and Cilician Armenia. This Emirate became a fief of the Ottoman Empire, but was closed out at the end of the 16th century.

TAROM: This is nowhere near the present town of Tarom in southern Iran, but was located in Persian Azerbaijan beginning in the early 10th century. It was ruled mostly by the Musafirid dynasty until the Mongol conquests around 1230, then absorbed by the Turks. It was recovered by the Persians under the Qajar dynasty in the early 19th century, and established as a fief of the Persian Empire.

TARON (or Taraun): A southern Armenian principality along the upper Euphrates. It became independent in the early 9th century on the breakup of the Bagratid kingdom. According to Constantine Silverspoon (2) it was ruled around 900 by a Prince Krikorikios. Taron was annexed to the Roman Empire in 968, an act which caused the contentious Armenian feudatories to take the unprecedented step of uniting behind their king to resist further Roman expansion. Taron, as an independent state, is contemporary with Siunik.

GOTHIA: The Roman Emperor Justinianus I revived Mithridates' old Kingdom of the Taurian Bosphorus under his own rule, as the toparchy or eparchy of Gothia. (At that time the Greco-Skythian

Correct location, although it should be noted that the island is now part of the delta. Independent twice in the 17th Century: 1609-1617 under Gonsalves Tibao of Dianga, and c. 1660-1665 under Dilavar Khan.

A state of Nubia, satellite to Fung (or Sennar). It was set up in 1607 and conquered by Egypt in 1821.

Correct. End date: 1594. Location is, in a sense, wrong. Capital at Adana, in Lesser Armenia (or Cilicia, or Cilician Armenia). This was, however, in no sense the region of Kommagene, which lay further east.

Correct dates: 941-1029 (and no later). Some Musafirids are known later, but not as rulers of Tarom. The Musafirids were destroyed and supplanted by the Rawadids, with whom they are sometimes confused in histories published before the current decade. (1)

Correct.

The capital, Dori, is identical with Mankup, as the Soviets have shown, and that city

population of the Crimea was ruled by an Ostrogothic settlement left behind when the other Goths moved west.) Justinianus fortified the capital Doras, which may not be identical with the Mankup from which the Mongols later ruled that area. (See Vernadsky, Ancient Russia, p. 193.) Gothia fell to the Khazars in 787, but was soon recovered by the Romans. In 962 the Khazars again attacked, but Gothia sought aid from the Principality of Kiev, and the Khazar kingdom was overthrown.

LATGALE: A district in eastern Latvia, settled by the Latgales in the 9th century. In subsequent centuries they merged with the Kurs and Livs to the west to become the modern Latvians. Conquered by the Order of the Sword in the early 13th century, this region was subsequently ruled by the joint Polish-Lithuanian kingdom and, after the First Partition in 1772, by Russia.

SAM'AL: One of numerous two-bit sheikhdoms in the Oman region.

THE KARVUNA KINGDOM OF DOBRUJA: Dobruja is the region between the lower Danube and the Black Sea. The old name of this region was Karvuna. It was Bulgar from 679 to 971, Roman from 971 to 1186, and Bulgar again after 1186, constituting the northeasternmost province of the medieval Bulgar tsardom. Around 1370, when the Bulgars were weakened by Turkish attacks, Karvuna broke away under the Boyar Balik, who became an independent sovereign. Balik was succeeded by his brother Dobrotika, from whom the region now takes its name, and Dobrotika by his son Ivanko. The region was taken over by the Vlach prince Mircea the Old in 1390, ending its independent existence. Mircea ceded it to the Turks in 1396.

ALASIYA: An old name for Cyprus, from Egyptian and Hittite records including the Tell el-Amarna letters. By this name, the island was under Hittite rule from the 14th to the 12th centuries

was never, to my knowledge, captured by the Mongols (except perhaps very briefly after 1238). Princes are known by name from c. 1361. Annexed by Krim, 1475, although native princes continued to rule as vassals for a time. (Alexander II, fl. 1522-1530.)

A native Lettish kingdom until 1214, when the last King, Talivaldis, was deposed by the Teutonic Order.

There is no state in Trucial Oman known to me by this name. Sam'al, or Ya'udi, or bit-Gabbari, was in pre-Assyrian Syria, west of the Euphrates River, fl. c. 900-725 BC. Its capital was where Zenjirli (sinjirli) is now. (3)

Essentially correct. The region was independent from 1261, however, having been founded by a former Sultan of Rum (Ikonum), 'Izz-ad-din Kai-Ka'us, who was invested with the area by Emperor Michael VIII Palaiologos. The early capital was the town of Karvuna, although the region never actually bore that name. Khan Balik of Karvuna died in 1357, and could not have been alive in 1370, as you have him. Ivanko did not die until 1398, and the Turks took his Khanate directly from him; Mircea never held it that I know of. (4)

Correct, except that, while Hittite claims to territory are quite extensive, they are often

B. C.

hot air. Alasiya is the Hittite name (not the Egyptian one, which escapes me at the moment) and appears in the al-Amarna letters only in Hittite letters. Correct.

HAIL: Capital of Shammar, in northern Nejd, Sa'udi Arabia. The ibn-Rashid dynasty made in their capital in the middle 19th century. The Emirate of Shammar fell to King Abd-Sa'ud in 1921. Despite the fact that Sa'udi Arabia is the cradle of Islam, pre-Muslim sun worship still exists in the neighborhood.

WITU: An insalubrious coastal city in Kenya, occupied by the Germans in 1885. In 1890 the Germans and English reached an agreement about spheres of influence along the East African Coast, and the Germans withdrew. Location correct. A Sultanate from 1860, founded by the last of the Nabhanid Sultans of Patta, Ahmad Simba ibn-Fumo (Ahman IX).

(1) The source I used was published before the current century.

(2) The usual sobriquet attached to this Emperor is "Porphyrogenitus", literally, "born to the purple". The equivalent English idiom is "Silverspoon". Similarly, the nickname of Robert, eldest son of William the Conqueror, is usually rendered as "Curthose". Since it expresses the fact that his legs were unusually long, I feel the same effect is obtained by calling him "Robert Highpockets".

(3) There is a town called Sam'al on the Oman coast, though it probably never was independent.

(4) I stand by my description, which is culled from several European encyclopedias under the heading of "Dobruja". See Mayer's, the Brockhaus, and a Swedish encyclopedia whose name slips my mind at the moment.

Now - here is another list of countries. Like the previous ones, it is thrown open as a challenge for readers to identify in time and place. Entries should be here by 19 October 1968:

Abasgia	Deira	Lazica
Azania	The Floating Republic	Torzhok
Bornu	The Generality	Xaymaca
Free City of Cartagena	Imeretia	Zarephath

And Walker has responded with the following questions:

1. There are three kingdoms to which the name Zabulistan may correctly be applied. What are they?
2. You are familiar with Herzegovina. Can you name the two Slavic zhupanates of which it is composed and give two alternative names for Herzegovina itself?
3. There was a Moslem state in France. When? Where?
4. There was a Sultanate in Italy (Sicily doesn't count - the Kalbids were only Emirs.) When? Where?
5. Identify the city-state of Abha.
6. Distinguish between: Ukrainian Independent Soviet Republic, Ukrainian National Republic, Ukrainian People's Republic, and Ukrainian Soviet Republic. Name at least one additional state that existed in the Ukraine at this same time (not counting the Crimea or any state allied with Doniken.)
7. Identify the Mehtarate of Yasin.

8. Where was "Yava-Dvipa"?
9. Those who say that international relations exist under the law of the fang and the claw are at least half-right. When and where was the Kingdom of Fang?
10. Charlemagne overthrew the Avars in 805, and it's kind of hard to find them on the map after that. But they were there, just the same. When, and where? Hint: Country is "Avaristan".
11. Champassak is a cute name. Where and when was it?
12. Everybody knows what a "clip joint" is. Two countries related only in name are the Klip River Republic and the Klipdrift Republic. Really?
13. The Moslems are not noted for pro-Christian sentiment, yet at least one Moslem state was named for the mother of Jesus. What, where, and when?

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Diplomacy, but rare and odd-appearing in practice. The three units engage in a sort of merry-go-round with one another.

BERLIN NEWS: Our reporter confirmed the recapture of Munich and revealed that peace feelers have been received from Russia.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par, St.P, Swe. (10)

ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Nor, Por, Spa, Tun. (9)

RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (12)

Germany builds an army in Kiel. The position of the Turkish build does not seem to be important immediately, so I will call for "Spring 1914" moves and publish the Turkish build along with them. Other players may make their "Spring 1914" moves conditional upon the Turkish build. The deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 1968.

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that the Third Fleet is necessary in the present North Sea patrol.

LONDON (8 August 1910): Ambassador Plenipotentiary Townsend returned to England from the United States with an agreement by which the U. S. will stop supplying arms to the Eastern Powers, in exchange for the cession of the British Bahamas, Honduras, and Jamaica. There are many in the government opposed to such a move, which they see as "appeasement" or "knuckling under to outright blackmail". However, Williams' official position on the matter is that without American munitions, the Eastern Powers' strength will be greatly reduced. He notes that the two Eastern Powers have very little industry of their own, and that it is only the American arms shipments that have enabled them to pursue an offensive war strategy. With these shipments cut off, theorizes Williams, the East will be forced to revert to a strictly defensive policy. He also noted that the chances are excellent that the German fleet, or what remains of it, will have to be scuttled in Königsberg. Shipments of fuel and munitions have had to go through Poland, and the situation there is so poor for the East that rumors circulate that the Baltic States may be abandoned to free troops to put down the guerrillas.

Williams also announced that Allied troops in Siberia have scored a major victory at Chita. The last large enemy force east of the Urals was soundly defeated and forced to withdraw towards China by a combined Russian and British force.

The Defense Ministry has announced also that the front in the Mediterranean has been finally stabilized. He stated that there is no long-

er any possibility of a breakthrough by the East into the Atlantic or the Indian Ocean. Dimmelroi's brilliant defense at Elba, plus the addition of the Third Fleet to the Western defenses, have stopped the Eastern powers cold. "The Suez and the Indian Ocean, have of course been sealed for some time."

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a day's march to the south of the city. Large numbers of people are fleeing to the countryside, for there are rumors of Turkish atrocities in the South. The officials do not know whether to deny them or to confirm them.

King Humbert has remained in the city, but he will probably be leaving soon - the rest of the royal family is already safely in Switzerland.

Just in today is the news that Turkey has suspended indefinitely "produce" shipments to England and Pollutidar. It appears that this has had a calming effect on the Italians.

CONSTANTINOPLE (12 December 1904): The Revolutionary Council has confirmed the suspension of "produce and livestock" shipments to the Empires of England and Pollutidar. A decree proclaiming religious toleration in the Empire was also released.

Neutral observers in the capital feel that these moves were taken partly as a placation of the Russians - Christians allied with Turkey, and partly to ease the way for the conscription of Christians and other non-Moslems into the Imperial Army.

This comes on the heels of reports that Kiamil has recommended that the Empire aid India in overthrowing the British.

In other news, the Council announced the plugging of the Pollutidarian vent in the Taurus Mountains. "It's not that we don't want any Pollutidarians in Turkey, it's just that they might get lost in those mountains, and there is always a possibility that a wild animal might eat some poor lost Pollutidarians, and you see, the wild lions and such that we have in the Taurus are quite scarce, and they have very sensitive stomachs..."

NEW YORK (8 December 1904): The popular vaudeville team, Loan and Marvin, have not been seen since the end of their smash show last night at the Palace. According to the critics, their new routine, in which Marvin impersonates Emperoar Honj the Horny, is the triumph of their comedic career.

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